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Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner Department of Health and Human Services 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

## Dear Commissioner Toumpas:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to New Hampshire's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan for 2014 - 2015, submitted on August 21, 2015. This letter is to inform you that the following CCDF Plan amendments were approved:

Section 2.3.5 – Income Eligibility Criteria – Amended to reflect effective date of July 1, 2015 for updated income eligibility limits, based on 2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Section 2.7.1 – Payment Rates for Child Care Services – Amended to reflect effective date of June 29, 2015 for new standard payment rates for child care providers.

Attachment 2.7.1 - Payment Rates - Amended to reflect effective date of June 29, 2015 for new standard payment rates for child care providers.

Section 2.7.3 – Market Rate Survey – Amended to reflect that the new payment rates, effective June 29, 2015, are based on a new Market Rate Survey (MRS) conducted in 2014.

Section 2.7.4 (a-d) — Amended payment rate ceilings to reflect new standard payment rates for center-based and family child care providers effective June 29, 2015.

The effective dates of June 29, 2015, and July 1, 2015 for these amendments to the New Hampshire CCDF Plan are noted on the amendments log within the ACF-118 electronic submission site.